

## Development - Navajo Flat Staging Area (FINAL)

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### A. Statement of Development Activity

The Santa Lucia Ranger District is proposing to design the existing Navajo Flats Staging Area to accommodate multiple uses, provide safety to OHV users and protect sensitive resources. The project will include the installation of protective barriers along McGinnis Creek and Navajo Road as well as a designated through trail route to reach McGinnis Creek Trailhead. The design will include a section surrounded by fencing for a children's riding area. There will be informational signs, an entrance gate, six shaded structures and six overnight/day use sites with fire rings, grills, and picnic tables. The parking lot will accommodate approximately 20 vehicles with trailers.

The existing Navajo Flat Staging Area provides OHV users the opportunity to stage their vehicles at a parking lot while they ride on nearby trails. This site lies on approximately 12 acres along Redhill Road and McGinnis Creek. Presently, visitors park, stage, and practice riding their OHVs, as well as camp and picnic all in the same area while through traffic crosses the site towards the McGinnis trailhead. There is a lack of barriers along the creek which invites recreational activity and damage to this sensitive area.

The project will create a facility that is safe for OHV users and minimizes resource damage due to illegal off trail use. Design and construction of the picnic/campsites will accommodate approximately 36 people at one time. The re-design will eventually lead to a more organized and safe facility for OHV recreation and better protection of vegetation and sensitive areas.

### B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Pozo/La Panza OHV area is the most highly used OHV trail system on the Santa Lucia District which includes the Navajo Flat Staging Area. The Navajo Flat Staging Area is a place that is used as a campground, staging area, parking lot, riding area and rest stop for OHV riders in Pozo.

Presently, visitors park, stage, and practice riding their OHVs, as well as camp and picnic all in the same area while through traffic crosses the site toward the McGinnis trailhead. There is no designated camping area separate from parking and riding. There is a lack of barriers along the creek which invites recreational activity and damage to this sensitive area. This open area is not designed in a safe and organized manner to accommodate the uses that occur on a weekly basis. It is an area where inexperienced children can practice riding their OHVs as experienced riders pass through. Constructing an organized staging area will provide resolve some OHV user conflicts; protect natural resources and habitats from damage; and increase public safety.

### C. Size of the proposed development

The project site lies on approximately 12 acres along Red Hill Rd and McGinnis Creek. It is surrounded by Navajo Road and McGinnis Creek Trailhead. The re-design of the staging area will protect sensitive species, water systems, historic and pre-historic sites from OHV trespass in the area.

### D. Timeline for Project Completion

Attachments:

[Timeline](#)

### E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities

The proposed project area is in the Pozo/ La Panza OHV area on the Santa Lucia Ranger District, which is within the San Luis Obispo County. The Santa Lucia District has 98 miles of designated OHV routes providing a range of skill level difficulty including novice, intermediate, advance, and expert. All ratings are indicated on OHV guide maps (copies available upon request), as well as on route signs in the field. This variety of opportunity is provided across the district rather than in one concentrated area in compliance with our Land Management Plan direction for OHV recreation management. The bulk of the green sticker opportunity OHV system is located on the Santa Lucia (SLRD). OHV riding is available 12 months a year with limited seasonal closures enforced at higher elevation when soil moisture exceeds permissible motorized vehicle use. Short duration closures also occur at wet river fords during high water periods.

Type of OHV activity includes 4WD, ATV, Motorcycle (legal, dual sport, green, red as appropriate), and SUV/passenger vehicle access on unpaved routes. Please see OHV guide maps for details. Motorized access leads to a wide variety of non-motorized activities such as camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, equestrian trails, and wilderness access. In addition to a variety of routes, developed facilities are provided to enhance the visitor's recreation experience. These facilities include campgrounds, trailheads, and day use areas. La Panza CG, Navajo CG, and Friis CG provide camping opportunities and access to non-motorized activities including wilderness, hunting, and hiking for the entire family. Facilities and services at these locations include picnic tables, fire rings, toilets, and in some locations trash service. Turkey Flat Staging Area, which is also located in Pozo/ La Panza, is a multiple use facility which is operated in conjunction with partners such as Central Coast Motorcycle Association, Santa Maria 4 Wheelers, and the Cal Poly Penguins. OHV related partnership opportunities exist to join these partners or develop additional programs with the Forest. Besides Pozo/La Panza, other popular OHV riding areas include Rockfront and Buckhorn areas on the district. These areas are linked by a system of routes creating a varied riding experience for all ages and experience levels of riders.

## Additional Documentation

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**1. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans**

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[Conceptual Site Design \(Draft\)](#)

**2. Land Tenure Certification**

**3. Project Specific Maps**

Attachments:

[Current Facility](#)  
[Proposed Facility](#)

**4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents**

Attachments:

[Before Photos](#)

## Project Cost Estimate

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<b>APPLICANT NAME :</b>	USFS - Los Padres National Forest				
<b>PROJECT TITLE :</b>	Development - Navajo Flat Staging Area (FINAL)			<b>PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :</b>	G09-02-09-D01
<b>PROJECT TYPE :</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration				
<b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION :</b>	<p>The Santa Lucia Ranger District is proposing to design the existing Navajo Flats Staging Area to accommodate multiple uses, provide safety to OHV users and protect sensitive resources. The project will include the installation of protective barriers along McGinnis Creek and Navajo Road as well as a designated through trail route to reach McGinnis Creek Trailhead. The design will include a section surrounded by fencing for a children's riding area. There will be informational signs, an entrance gate, six shaded structures and six overnight/day use sites with fire rings, grills, and picnic tables. The parking lot will accommodate approximately 20 vehicles with trailers.</p> <p>The existing Navajo Flat Staging Area provides OHV users the opportunity to stage their vehicles at a parking lot while they ride on nearby trails. This site lies on approximately 12 acres along Redhill Road and McGinnis Creek. Presently, visitors park, stage, and practice riding their OHVs, as well as camp and picnic all in the same area while through traffic crosses the site towards the McGinnis trailhead. There is a lack of barriers along the creek which invites recreational activity and damage to this sensitive area.</p> <p>The project will create a facility that is safe for OHV users and minimizes resource damage due to illegal off trail use. Design and construction of the picnic/campsites will accommodate approximately 36 people at one time. The re-design will eventually lead to a more organized and safe facility for OHV recreation and better protection of vegetation and sensitive areas.</p>				

  

Line	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>							
<b>Program Expenses</b>							
1	<b>Staff</b>						
	Other-Assistant Recreation Officer Notes : GS-9. Support includes oversight of OHV program, supervision of OHV specialists, and coordination with Forest Engineering staff in implementation of the development project for the life of the grant.	40.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
	Other-Engineer	410.000	50.000	DAY	20,500.00	0.00	20,500.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Notes : Includes contract administration from Forest Engineer.						
	Other-Recreation Officer Notes : GS-11. Support includes oversight of Recreation program, supervision of specialists, and coordination with Forest Engineering staff in implementation of the development project for the life of the grant.	40.000	400.000	DAY	0.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
	Other-Recreation Technician	15.000	230.000	DAY	0.00	3,450.00	3,450.00
	Other-District Ranger Notes : Support/oversight of the project.	5.000	460.000	DAY	0.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
	<b>Total for Staff</b>				20,500.00	33,750.00	54,250.00
<b>2</b>	<b>Contracts</b>						
	Other-Site Survey	2.000	350.000	DAY	700.00	0.00	700.00
	Other-Contract Design/ Prep/ Overhead Notes : 10% of Project cost. Includes Site Design and contract prep \$17,600; and Profit \$32,200 of the total project cost. Anticipated cost added to materials cost by contractor. Contractor's profit is associated with the construction contract and contractor.	1.000	63360.000	PKG	63,360.00	0.00	63,360.00
	Other-Construction Staking	1.000	5000.000	PKG	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	Other-Contract Admin Notes : 10% of Project cost. Forest Service Engineer's expenses to oversee the contract and inspect work so that the facility is built to standard. This includes on-site visits, signing off construction of the contract specs and approval of payments. This is the cost for 3 years of the project.	1.000	17600.000	MISC	17,600.00	0.00	17,600.00
	Other-Contract Mobilization Notes : 15% of project cost. Estimated cost for contractor to move equipment on and off site,	1.000	26400.000	MISC	26,400.00	0.00	26,400.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	hire crews and travel to and from the project site over a 3 year period.						
	Other-Grading Contract Notes : Grading will be completed to establish a site entry , parking area, soil alteration to build a children's riding area, and soil mounding to keep uses separated.	1.000	15000.000	MISC	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	<b>Total for Contracts</b>				128,060.00	0.00	128,060.00
<b>3</b>	<b>Materials / Supplies</b>						
	Other-Three Panel Sign Notes : Three panel sign, includes fabrication and graphics.	1.000	3700.000	YR	0.00	3,700.00	3,700.00
	Other-Signs Notes : Signs- include an entry sign to the staging area, restoration signs around trespass trails and resource damage, speed limit signs in the staging area, and trailhead signs at Burnout and McGinnis Trailhead.	1.000	5800.000	YR	0.00	5,800.00	5,800.00
	Other-Trash dumpster	1.000	800.000	EA	0.00	800.00	800.00
	Other-Planting, misc Notes : Native tress and shrubs will be planted in restoration areas.	1.000	7500.000	YR	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Other-Barriers Notes : Barriers- To prevent trespass and resource damage. Barriers of all sorts will be used to prevent trespass and resource damage. Costs include: Rock Barriers- 50 @ \$125 ea. = \$6,250 Pipe Barriers- 1,940 feet @ \$40/linear foot = \$77,600. Pipe costs based on this year's contract break down costs. Wooden Barriers- 300 @ \$100 ea. = \$30,000	1.000	113850.000	YR	113,850.00	0.00	113,850.00
	Other-Shade Ramada Notes : Shaded structures at designated sites.	6.000	1500.000	EA	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Picnic Tables Notes : For 6 picnic tables.	6.000	900.000	EA	0.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
	Other-Stoves	6.000	300.000	EA	0.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
	Other-Fire Rings	6.000	200.000	EA	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Other-Gates Notes : Gates- Includes an entrance gate to close during wet weather closures (2 @ \$2,000 ea. = \$4,000). A trailhead gate at McGinnis Creek Trailhead (2 @ \$800 ea. = \$1,600).	1.000	7000.000	YR	0.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
	<b>Total for Materials / Supplies</b>				130,350.00	25,700.00	156,050.00
<b>4</b>	<b>Equipment Use Expenses</b>						
	Other-Equipment Use (Use Rates) Notes : Forest Service Vehicle Support- includes gasoline, oil, tires, washing, mechanical inspections and repairs related to development project - over a three year period.	1.000	20000.000	YR	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
<b>5</b>	<b>Equipment Purchases</b>						
<b>6</b>	<b>Others</b>						
<b>7</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative Costs Notes : Administrative costs- not enumerated from other development costs.	1.000	20000.000	YR	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
	<b>Total Program Expenses</b>				278,910.00	99,450.00	378,360.00
	<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>				278,910.00	99,450.00	378,360.00
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>278,910.00</b>	<b>99,450.00</b>	<b>378,360.00</b>

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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
<b>DIRECT EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Program Expenses</b>					
1	Staff	20,500.00	33,750.00	54,250.00	
2	Contracts	128,060.00	0.00	128,060.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	130,350.00	25,700.00	156,050.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>		278,910.00	99,450.00	378,360.00	
<b>TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES</b>		278,910.00	99,450.00	378,360.00	
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## Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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### ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

#### ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No  
(Please select Yes or No)

#### ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

### ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No  
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

### ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

There are no known wetlands or navigable waters on or adjacent to the proposed project area. There are wildlife sensitive habitats near OHV routes and facilities. These sensitive habitats are protected from impacts of OHV activities through management actions identified in the Habitat Management Plan (HMP) and Soil Conservation Plan submitted with this application.

The Los Padres continues to consult with Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the Land and Resource Management Plan, Los Padres National Forest and the management practices listed in the Southern California Conservation Strategy. All proposed project activities will be conducted under the provisions and management practices currently required or that may be required in the future as consultation continues (i.e., restrictions on the scheduling of maintenance during breeding and rearing season for the red-legged frog). The extensive biological surveys that went into the Southern California Conservation Strategy effort and the information biologists provided in the HMP show that, as proposed, this project has no adverse impact immediately or cumulatively on sensitive habitats in the funded area.

### ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

The proposed re-design of the staging area will not encourage increased noise or traffic, as they simply maintain what has been in place for numerous years. This project will occur within the Navajo Flat Staging Area. Without the funding provided by this grant, these activities would continue to take place. The Final Environmental Impact Statement, Land and Resource Management Plan, Los Padres National Forest and the subsequent amendments analyzed the immediate and cumulative impacts of the forest's OHV system. The analysis of this project proposal is tiered to that document. There are no significant immediate or cumulative impacts of this project or this project combined with other projects in the same area over several years. Monitoring protocols outlined in the Habitat Management Plan and Soil Conservation Plan act as an early warning for possible negative effects on soils, heritage resources and wildlife/vegetation habitat. The results of monitoring enable the interdisciplinary team to design and schedule maintenance and conservation projects specific to the OHV system in a timely manner.

This results in project work being scheduled and performed that no significant negative cumulative effects will occur. This assumption has been verified by the Forest's past year's performance and monitoring.

#### **ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts**

The proposed project would not have a negative effect on the soils in the project area. The project would improve areas where sedimentation is occurring and barriers would be installed to prevent OHV trespass through McGinnis Creek. The staging area will be graded and designed to offer erosion control and to prevent sedimentation in the creek.

#### **ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources**

The re-design of the existing staging area as proposed in this application would not increase impacts on scenic resources. It will improve the scenic integrity of a semi-primitive, motorized recreation area.

#### **ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials**

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

#### **ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources**

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

The proposed project would assist in protecting cultural and historic sites within the staging area.

#### **ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts**

There is no potential for the project to cause indirect significant impacts such as causing user groups to go elsewhere or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the OHV route system or off-site.

#### **CEQA/NEPA Attachment**

## Evaluation Criteria

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### 1 Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)  
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)  
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)  
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

### 2 Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

#### 2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)  
☐ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)  
☐ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)  
☐ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

#### b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 5

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species).. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species)

Reference Document

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)  
☐ Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)  
☐ Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)  
☐ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

#### c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
- ☐ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
- ☒ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)
- ☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- ☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Please see NEPA documentation.

### 3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified OHV use 5

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4X4                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy, rail                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |  |

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:

The re-design of the staging area will accommodate trailers, campers, and an array of off-highway vehicles, including toy-haulers and dune buggies/rails.

### 4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

An Environmental Assessment was written and signed by the District Ranger. Public scoping was completed in October of 2009. Multiple members of the public submitted letters in favor of this project, as well as phone calls by local OHV club members.

### 5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as 5

- Materials diverted from landfills
- Recycled plastic lumber
- Fly ash content concrete

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

As a federal agency we are mandated to purchase only "green" products which include recycled content, energy efficient products/equipment, biobased products, etc. We will purchase the shaded structures and tables from recycled materials derived from landfills, including lumber. Cement will be used to stabilize shaded structures, gates, and signs into the ground. There will be no use of concrete that will create a powdered coal.

### 6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.

6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Repaving with permeable asphalt
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard
- Water efficient landscaping
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Utilizing local building materials

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Trips are scheduled to minimize the use of nonrenewable resources such as traditional fuels. Hybrid vehicle technology is now the norm for scheduled fleet replacement. Asphalt will not be used for this project as we will be grading the foundation of the project area. As a federal agency we are mandated to purchase "green" products which include recycled content, energy efficient products/equipment, biobased products. A list of applicable policies can be provided. Maintaining the natural environment as it is provides the most water efficient landscaping necessary. We do not maintain or create artificial or unnatural landscaping at OHV trailheads, staging areas, or along trails that requires additional use of water. We do not utilize flush plumbing at our facilities thereby negating the potential for unnecessary uses of water including low flow plumbing fixtures. Facilities are designed with minimal water use as one of the primary design elements. We anticipate purchasing materials from local vendors.

## 7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)

☐ Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

☐ Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

## 8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☐ Birding

☒ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☒ Other (Specify) [Hunting, mining]

## 9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☐ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The forest was awarded a planning grant in 2007 to begin NEPA analysis on this project. From that, the public has been involved in the scoping process and has been able to comment on the project. The Forest Service held a meeting at the project site on May 30, 2009 with local private land owners, members of local tribes, and OHV club members. Phone conversations were made discussing the progress of the project and ideas of the design. The project has been discussed at quarterly OHV Stakeholder meetings with local user groups.

**10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.**

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 2

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 4 or more (4 points) ☒ 2 to 3 (2 points) ☐ 1 (1 point)  
☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Central Coast Motorcycle Association, Cal Poly Penguins, Santa Maria 4x4,

**11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.**

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)  
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)  
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)  
☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

Explain checked statement

Primary operational costs to manage this project/ facility will be funded through the Forest Service budget. Expected annual operational costs will increase as the use of the facility will change.

**12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.**

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

This re-design of this project will not have additional impacts to sound and dust which were not present before the construction of the staging area. The re-design will consolidate use and provide a more organized and safe facility. Resource damage will be restored and minimized along Navajo Road and McGinnis Creek with protective barriers that will protect sensitive areas and eliminate unnecessary dust by keeping riders from using unauthorized trails.

**13 Riparian/Wetland Issues - Q 13.**

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (10 points) ☒ Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

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(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
- ☒ Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
- ☐ Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
- ☒ Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)
- ☒ Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document

Best Management Practices will be incorporated into this project as listed on page 56 and 83 of the Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California handbook, 2000.